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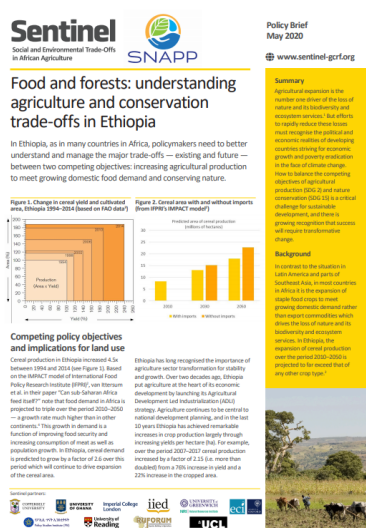
We are pleased to share with you the latest news and blogs from the Sentinel project website. To find out more, visit www.sentinel-gcrf.org or click on the links below.

Sentinel and COVID-19

We hope all our subscribers are keeping safe and well during the COVID-19 global pandemic. The crisis continues to affect every aspect of our lives, and the Sentinel project has been no exception to this. All our fieldwork has been paused while we wait for it to be safe to continue. In the meantime, Sentinel team members, working from their homes, continue with desk-based work and remote communication with colleagues and stakeholders as we strive to make progress on the project in spite of the challenges.

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Policy Briefings

Food and Forests: Understanding agriculture and conservation trade-offs

Phil Franks, Tagel Gebrehiwot, Xiaoting Hou-Jones, Jacob Mwitwa, Barbara Adolph, Dora Neina

In many countries in Africa, policymakers need to better understand and manage the major trade-offs — existing and future — between two competing objectives: increasing agricultural production to meet growing domestic food demand and conserving nature. In collaboration with the Science for Nature and People Partnership (SNAPP), we have published briefings looking at each of our project countries: [Ethiopia](#), [Ghana](#), and [Zambia](#).

The briefings explore this issue within each country's national context and make suggestions for the way forward.



Research update

[Horizon scanning - preliminary results](#)

Adam Devenish

This piece of research aims to identify the most critical research questions that, if answered, would have the greatest positive impact on addressing social and environmental trade-offs and ensuring future productivity and resilience of the sub-Saharan African food system. Visit our updated webpage to read about progress made, preliminary analysis of data collected in Stage 1, and what the next stage of this research will involve.



Blog

[Recounting Ghana's reconnaissance survey experience](#)

Delali Kumapley

In the second half of 2019, our field teams conducted 'reconnaissance surveys' of six potential field sites in each of our three focal countries.

Our Communications expert in Ghana gives an account of the experiences of the Ghanaian field team during the reconnaissance surveys, and some of the challenges they faced in gathering the necessary information for the project.



Blog

[How Country Advisory Groups are helping achieve Sentinel's objectives](#)

Valerie Kalinso

Crosscutting all of Sentinel's objectives is the theme of **stakeholder engagement**. This is a critical element of the project's theory of change: if we are to succeed in achieving our intended outcomes and create impact beyond the project, it is vital we identify key individuals and institutions in our three focal countries, and establish and maintain two-way communication throughout the project. In this mini-blog, our Communications expert in Zambia describes the important role our Country Advisory Groups are playing and introduces us to one member in Zambia.

Sentinel is an interdisciplinary research project seeking to address the challenge of achieving 'zero hunger' in sub-Saharan Africa, while at the same time reducing inequalities and conserving ecosystems.



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